

TOWN OF SEEKONK
Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

To: The Planning Board

From: John P. Hansen Jr., AICP, Town Planner

Date: March 28, 2011

Re: Site Plan Amendment - 175 Highland Avenue-BJø

As part of the Town's EPA discharge permit (NPDES), water quality improvements are required for the Runnins River since a total maximum daily load (TMDL) has been placed on this water body. In an effort to accomplish this, the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC), which is comprised of the Town Planner, ConCom Agent, Health Agent, DPW Supt and the Building Commissioner, is identifying areas where such improvements can be made.

There are potential stormwater retrofits to improve water quality that exist in the watershed that the proposed BJø lies. In an effort to fund such a project, the SWAC feels that any proposed business within this watershed that seeks a waiver from a site plan review should be asked for a donation specifically for improvements to the outfalls.

Recently, BJø sought a waiver for the planting of shade trees and the Board granted such waiver with the following condition:

1. That \$15,000 be donated to the Town and deposited in a special account to be used by the Tree Warden for tree planting on public property.

We now ask that you amend this condition to state the following:

1. That \$15,000 be donated to the Town and deposited in a special account to be used by the SWAC for stormwater retrofits to improve water quality within the watershed that the subject property lies.

The applicant has agreed to this amendment.